

## CLOSING SERVICE OF DR. MERCER

Eleven Years of Pastorate at  
West View Baptist Church  
Ended.

### MOVED CHURCH TO NEW SITE

Wisdom of This Quiet Man's  
Work Now Unanimously  
Admitted.

Dr. I. M. Mercer, pastor of the West View Baptist Church, of this city, closed on Sunday morning his nearly eleven years' of service, with a sermon based upon the prayer of Paul for the Corinthian Church, "The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with You All." It was an earnest affectionate prayer for a people whom he has most affectionately and faithfully served. Dr. Mercer gave in his modest way a review of his work which was most gratifying and impressive. He became pastor in 1894. The church was then worshipping on Cary and Meadow Streets. The membership numbered 223. During the ten years and ten months of his ministry, there have been 263 additions to the church, and the annual gifts to benevolence have increased from \$247 to \$1,000. The present membership is 297, showing a net gain of seventy-one percent, greater than that of any of the fifteen churches of Richmond, except Emmanuel and Broadus Memorial.

### Removed to New Site.

Five years ago Dr. Mercer became convinced that a change of location was necessary, and by masterful tact and energy he secured a lot on Grove Avenue, removed the house to the new site, enlarged and beautified it, and soon paid off every dollar of the heavy expense incurred.

No movement in the way of progress was ever more quietly accomplished, and while there was no opposition at first, the wisdom of the move is now universally acknowledged.

From his remarkable success in the pastorate and his service on the denominational board and committees, Dr. Mercer has done no inconsiderable amount of evangelistic work. He has gone out among the churches and held meetings in which more than five hundred persons have professed faith in Christ. The service Sunday morning was a very interesting manner on the hopeful conditions of the denomination's work in the West.

### FROM THE CHURCHES.

Dr. Golden, of Chicago, Speaks  
Before Baptist Conference.

At the Baptist Ministers' Conference yesterday, Dr. J. B. Hawthorne introduced Dr. Golden, of Humboldt Park Baptist Church, of Chicago, who spoke in a very interesting manner on the hopeful conditions of the denomination's work in the West.

Dr. Vaughn, of Florida, was presented to the conference. In speaking he referred to his delight at being able to return to Virginia, his native State, after an absence of thirty years.

Rev. R. D. Garland, field secretary of the State Mission Board, reported the work to be in a hopeful condition throughout the State.

Dr. Criddle, of Stockton Street Church, Manchester, reported fourteen additions, five by baptism and nine by letter. His church is in a splendid condition, and is now preparing for a series of meetings in October. This church is conducting a successful mission, where several have been converted. The entire church debt is \$351, with a prospect of paying it off soon.

Secretary James Buchanan told the conference of the work of the city mission, and his report was abundantly satisfactory. His work far exceeded the hopes of the brethren.

### In Gratiifying Condition.

Rev. Mr. Gaw reported his work of East End Church in a very gratifying condition. His people are busily engaged in remodeling their house of worship. This work is progressing well and Mr. Gaw hopes to be in the new church by December 1st. The attendance upon the services is good and there have been eight additions to the church recently.

Dr. W. R. L. Smith reported 20 in his Sunday school. It is probable that this service will be the last held in the auditorium of the old building.

The Presbyterian ministers held an interesting meeting yesterday, when nearly all of the pastors were present. Rev. C. S. Newman, of Canton, Miss., was present, and made a short address.

Rev. Dr. F. T. McFadden delivered an address Monday morning before the students of Union Theological Seminary.

The Presbyterians are very much engaged in preparing for the meeting of the Synod of Virginia, which will be held in the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, beginning October 28th.

Dr. W. W. Moore, of the Seminary, preached at Blackstone Sunday in connection with the opening of the session of the Hoge Memorial Academy.

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Every woman dresses to please at least one person besides herself—usually that one is a man.

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Seminary, and the incoming class is one of unusual size.

### FOURTEENTH YEAR.

Randolph Street Church Celebrates Fourteenth Anniversary.

The Randolph Street Baptist Sunday school, connected with the Randolph Street Baptist Church, observed its fourteenth anniversary on Sunday morning with very fitting and appropriate exercises, commencing at 10:30. Mr. Otis J. Thompson is superintendent of the school and Rev. W. E. Robertson is pastor of the church.

The committee in charge of the anniversary consisted of Messrs. Frank H. Elyson, T. H. Collier, Philip Kritzer, Mrs. Rena DePrato and Miss Doratha Holland, and they won the thanks of the very large audience present for the splendid program which they had provided. Mr. Thos. J. Bethel presided at the piano and W. Fuller Bethel was chorister. At the close of the service the superintendent, Rev. Geo. F. Williams offered prayer. Miss Irene Walton and Master John Whitmore recited.

The music was a special feature of the service. Mrs. H. S. Henley and little Doris Eubank sang solos. There was a duet by Mr. Collier and Mrs. DePrato, and a trio by W. F. Bethel, Mrs. Henley and Miss Beanie Leber. There were also several violin duets by Messrs. Grubbs and Blount, which were much enjoyed by the audience.

The principal address of the morning was by Mr. W. D. Duke, president of the Baptist Sunday School Association of Richmond and Manchester. He also made a short address by the superintendent and the pastor and by the Rev. Geo. F. Williams.

### Sketch of the School.

The last named was one of the very few present, who were present at the organization of the Sunday school, fourteen years ago. In a historical sketch of the school, published some time since in pamphlet form, and written by Mr. Otis J. Thompson, who was then clerk of the church, is found the following:

"Early in the fall of the year 1891, the Baptist City Missionary Society plied its tent. Dance Street, between Reservoir and Randolph Streets, and conducted a series of revival meetings there. These meetings were so well attended and so full of interest as to compel the belief that a flourishing Sunday school could be organized and maintained in the southwestern part of the city.

"Accordingly, on the 20th day of September, 1891, this new school was organized, and held its first meeting in the above-mentioned tent. There were sixteen officers and teachers and one scholar present. A few days later an old school room, 60 feet long by 15 wide, on Jacquelin Street, near Randolph, was secured as a meeting place for the new school.

"But later, the matter was discussed in the Pine Street Sunday school, and a committee of three was appointed to foster the new enterprise. The attendance increased from week to week, and soon became so large that it was necessary to enlarge the school room, but also to accept the invitations of several friends of the school to have the larger classes meet at their residences."

"The school has continued to grow until there are to-day nearly four hundred scholars on roll, and the school is in a very prosperous condition. The committee in charge of the exercises had requested the scholars to bring in a penny for each year of the school, with the understanding that the money so raised shall go toward the purchase of fuel for the coming winter, and all interested were very much gratified to know that almost enough was brought in to pay for the fuel for the entire winter.

"All went away delighted with the fourteenth anniversary exercises, and no doubt resolved to make the next year the best, thus far, in the history of the school."

### BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

Richmond's Medical Colleges Matriculating Many Students.

The two medical colleges of the city will open their doors to-day for the beginning of the session of 1905-06. Lectures will be commenced to-morrow morning. Conditions look brighter for this session in both colleges than ever before. New students are coming in from all parts of the State, and old students are also returning in large numbers. Yesterday evening at the Medical College the enrollment of new and old pupils was about twenty-five percent greater than for the corresponding last year. Dr. Deane and the faculty were both on hand to see that everything worked smoothly, and that the students were being welcomed to their new quarters. Men came in from Alabama, Ohio, New York, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. The new students are being welcomed to their new quarters to-day and to-morrow.

At the Medical College everything looks bright and all arrangements are being made for the reception of the students. This morning at 11 o'clock Dr. Tompkins will deliver an address to the students. The morning will begin promptly at 9 o'clock, as per schedule. At the University College the same scenes are being enacted. Mr. Miller is extremely busy engaged in entering a large class of new students. This school will make its formal opening to-day at 10 o'clock, and to-morrow the lectures will be commenced. Here, too, the matriculation is larger than ever before. Students are coming in from Holland, and the second came from Florida. To help the students in securing board and lodging, lists of names are being made for the grounds of the two colleges. Accommodations are offered for about five hundred people at the two colleges.

## TERMS OF THIRTY SENATORS EXPIRE

Fifteen Are Republicans and  
Likely to Be Succeeded  
By Republicans.

### THE SITUATION IN DELAWARE

Allee, Who Has the Enmity of  
Addicks, is Not Likely to  
Return.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, September 26.—The terms of thirty United States senators will expire March 30, 1906. While the election of a few senators has already been assured, it is probable that in nearly all the other elections there will be contests, some of them having already assumed a lively aspect. Virginia has just decided who shall succeed Thomas S. Martin, who is one of the thirty, by primary election, selecting him to succeed himself, the Democratic choice being equivalent to election.

Of this thirty there are fifteen Republicans who will most probably be succeeded by Republicans. They are: Alger, of Michigan; Burnham, of New Hampshire; Burton, of Kansas; Crane, of Massachusetts; Cullom, of Illinois; Dooliver, of Iowa; Dryden, of New Jersey; Elkins, of West Virginia; Frye, of Maine; Gambrell, of South Dakota; Millard, of Nebraska; Mitchell, of Oregon; Nelson, of Minnesota; Warren, of Wyoming, and Wetmore, of Rhode Island.

The Democrats who will be probably succeeded by Democrats, besides Martin, are Bacon, Georgia; Bailey, Texas; Berry, Arkansas; Blackburn, Kentucky; Carmack, Tennessee; Foster, Louisiana; McMillan, Mississippi; Morgan, Alabama; Simmons, North Carolina; Tillman, South Carolina.

**HAS OPPOSITION.**  
One Republican, Allee, of Delaware, whose term will expire March 2, 1907, will in all probability not be returned. He has the bitter opposition of Addison Addicks, the "gas man," who accuses the senator of having betrayed him, and it is said that so determined is Addicks against Allee that rather than see him elected he would help a Democrat to the seat. The election of a senator from Delaware to succeed Allee may, therefore, fairly be said to be in doubt. There is already a vacancy from that State, no senator having yet been chosen to succeed Ball, whose term expired March 3, 1905. The struggle of the same factions controls both senatorships, and this also is in doubt.

There are three Democrats whose terms expire March 3, 1907, from States that went Republican at the last election—Clark, of Montana; Dabbs, of Idaho, and Easterson, of Colorado. The Democrats in Colorado should be close and doubtful, judging from the last vote. While the Republicans carried the State, the Democrats carried the election by a narrow margin. Clark has hitherto managed to carry Montana for himself, notwithstanding it went against him, and the chances are even for him in his next race. Idaho will probably elect a Republican to succeed Dabbs. The Republicans carried the State two to one at the last election and the Legislature almost unanimously. The large Mormon vote in the State, which element Dabbs has always boldly fought, will very likely lend itself to his defeat. The result of the elections for senators to replace the three Democrats are next to expire will, according to the present outlook, make the complexion of the Senate 88 Republicans and 20 Democrats, with two vacancies from Delaware.

The real interest in the contests for Senator during the next two years may well not be as between the Republicans and Democrats, but between Republicans and Republicans in States which they hold, and between Democrats and Democrats in States which they hold.

**ALGER IS OUT.**  
Alger, of Michigan, will not again be a candidate. William Alden Smith, representative in the House, in a candidate and will have to beat William McMillan, a son of James McMillan, who died while a senator in the Fifty-second Congress, and was succeeded by General Alger.

Allee, it is a foregone conclusion, will not come back from Delaware, and it is hard to say who will. Bacon, of Georgia, is so far, without sign of opposition. Bailey, of Texas, will not likely be disturbed. Berry, of Arkansas, is accounted in great danger from the candidacy of Governor Jefferson Davis. Blackburn, of Kentucky, is opposed by Judge Thomas St. Payton, who was a member of the House of Representatives in the Fifty-first, Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses. Burton, of Kansas, is doomed on account of being in the clutches of the law for using his senatorial position to practice grafting in the Department of the Treasury.

The Tennessee senatorship for the place now held by Senator Corman is reported to be in doubt as between the Senator and former Governor Robert Taylor. Taylor is a candidate, and is expected to succeed himself. Cullom, of Illinois, has opposition in the person of former Governor Yates, but the odds are in favor of the incumbent. Dooliver, of Iowa, and Dryden, of New Jersey, are apparently assured of re-election. Elkins, of West Virginia, will carry his party with him and may have to encounter serious Democratic opposition, but he has been in the habit of winning victories and the chances favor him again. Foster, of Louisiana, will have no trouble coming back. Frye, of Maine, is as good as returned. McMillan, of Mississippi, will not again be a candidate.

**WILLIAMS AND VARDAMER.**  
This seat will be the occasion of a very lively contest between Representative John Sharp Williams and Governor Vardamer, with a possible dark-horse complication, Millard, from Nebraska, is so far without opposition for re-election. Mitchell, of Oregon, on account of his troubles which have brought him into the federal courts, will not likely be a candidate.

Senator Morgan, it is generally accepted here, will be returned by his State as long as he is not ousted by a party of firmities of age. He and his colleague, Mr. Pottus, are the oldest men in the Senate, but both are regarded as being in the prime of life.

There are now no signs of contest for the seats of Nelson, of Minnesota; Simmons, of North Carolina; Tillman, of South Carolina; Warren, of Wyoming, and Wetmore, of Rhode Island.

The Fifty-ninth Congress may see two more new Senators through the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State. As to which party will elect them is in doubt.

### Virginia Field Club.

The agents for the various fire insurance companies doing business in Virginia met here yesterday and organized the Virginia Club. Mr. Charles E. Smith, of Norfolk, was elected president, and William R. Robins, secretary. The objects of the organization are to promote good fellowship among the members, and to have them in closer touch with one another.

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## FOR PARTICULARS WRITE JOHN-A-FAULKNER-SEC.

## THE GRAND JURY IS PROBING NOW

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half. That he was at least earnest and at times eloquent in telling the jury what he knew was evident to those waiting on the outside, for they heard him, not well enough to be able to understand him or to take his language down in short hand, but it was plain he was saying a great deal. When he left the jury room, Mr. Royall went immediately to his law office and refused to be interviewed. The inference could be drawn from remarks heard in various quarters that Mr. Royall possibly put the jury on the track of witnesses, who in all probability can tell more than he could, and it may be that more result of his examination will be the summoning of a considerable batch of new witnesses. This, however, is only an inference.

**Officers Called.**  
Clerk Walter Christian, of the Hustings Court, was the second witness to pass beyond the door. He remained but a short while, when Mr. Isaac Held, of the City Treasurer's office, walked in for a ten minutes' stay. Mr. J. B. Welsh, another clerk from the Treasurer's office, was the next witness, and then Mr. T. W. Polkes, who was the registrar at the Third Jefferson Precinct, was called in. He remained in the room quite a while.

### Scope of Inquiry.

From a word dropped here and there it was learned or, at least, inferred that after the jury had gotten through with

Mr. Royall, their line of procedure was to inquire about the large payments of poll taxes on the night of May 6th, the last day of grace, to enable voters to qualify themselves to vote in the city primary. The testimony of the officers was necessary to establish the fact that the treasurer's office was kept open that night until 12 o'clock, and that as many as 400 tax bills were settled after the sun had gone down. It has been alleged that in many cases one man paid the tax bills of many "friends," and it is presumed that all of the four hundred will have to tell before the jury quits work, whether or not they paid their own bills, and, if not, who did, and why?

### More Witnesses Wanted.

When the jury returned to the court room the foreman passed up a list of new witnesses to be summoned for to-day. To the surprise of those who had or thought they had an inkling of what was going on the list was small, having on it only six names. These, in addition to the two who did not show up to-day, will make only eight, so far as known to be examined to-day.

It was understood that one of the witnesses summoned for to-day is an official in the office of the city sergeant, and it is said the business he is wanted for is to tell why he paid the taxes for so many of his friends, and whose money he used in so doing.

### Witnesses Angered.

A number of the witnesses examined yesterday expressed themselves as being very indignant at being hauled away from their business and social engagements to hang around in the corridor all the morning. They became very impatient when Mr. Royall continued to linger so long in the jury room. One man said he was done voting if voting means all this after trouble and annoyance, and not less than half a dozen expressly said amen.

The court will meet at 11 o'clock this morning.

## Heard and Seen in Public Places

"When I was last in Richmond," remarked Major W. A. Graham, of North Carolina, "one of your papers referred to me as a lawyer-farmer, whatever that may be, and intimated that I was successful at both professions. My friends at home and in various parts of North Carolina laughed heartily when they read the article, and you never will hear of it. Furthermore, you never will hear of one of them telling any other man what to write. I take no stock in Ku Klux stories, for nobody but Ku Klux can tell them correctly, and they won't do it. The whole thing is a secret, a sacred secret with them."

"There is no excitement in Richmond concerning the campaign," said a well-known Republican yesterday. "The Slumps have taken it all to Roanoke. We hear nothing more of the doings in the field or elsewhere than we read in the papers."

Having thus delivered himself, this well-known Republican walked on down the street, leaving the man of news to contemplate his disgust, shown as much in his manner as in his words. There is at

least one among them who does not like the way the Slumps, father and son, have become the whole show.

The appearance here of "The Clansman" and the pictures of the same on the billboards reminded an old-timer of the real Ku Klux days. He said:

"I doubt if Mr. Dixon or any other man who has written books and magazine articles on the subject of the Ku Klux have told a true story. You never heard of a real Ku Klux—and there are many of them living—writing anything about their secret doings, and you never will hear of it. Furthermore, you never will hear of one of them telling any other man what to write. I take no stock in Ku Klux stories, for nobody but Ku Klux can tell them correctly, and they won't do it. The whole thing is a secret, a sacred secret with them."

### DEATH DUE TO COLT.

Took Fight at Automobile and Ran Away.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., September 25.—The remains of Frank E. Barnett, who was killed by a runaway horse yesterday, will be taken to Bedford City to-morrow morning.

An investigation made to-day showed that Mr. Lewis was not in his automobile, and it was standing in front of his residence; that Barnett's death was due to the wild colt he was driving, which is owned by Mr. Robert Moorman. Mr. Moorman warned Barnett that the colt was dangerous and would run away at the sight of an automobile. Saturday afternoon the colt was frightened by an automobile and ran away, and yesterday Barnett's wife begged him not to drive the animal.

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